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H. A. SCOTT, Shorthand Reporter,

and

CORONER'S JURY.

Santa Rosa, Cal. Monday, July 22,

1935.

UNDERTAKING PARLORS OF WELTI BROS.

4 P.M.

(Coroner swears jury.)

FRANK B. DIBBLE

Called as a witness and sworn by the Coroner:

THE CORONER: Gentlemen, we are about to inquire into

1 the cause of death of Charles B. O'Neal who met death 2
2 on July 17th, 1935 at Santa Rosa from gunshot wounds.

3 Q. Your name and address, Mr. Dibble? A. Frank B.
4 Dibble, 770 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa.

5 Q. Where were you on the 15th day of July? A. I was in
6 Santa Rosa.

7 Q. Were you over at the service station between the city
8 hall and the jail? A. I was.

9 Q. If you will, please state what you saw while you were
10 there? A. Well, I had driven into the service station
11 where Joe Schurman has a station, where he has a grease
12 rack, and I just got out and slammed the door, and at
13 that time, as I slammed the door, I heard two shots. And
14 at that instant I heard a voice which I recognized as
15 I believe he said "Johnny, I have been shot".
16 Charlie's call out that he had been shot. And naturally
17 my idea being to look for my own gun which I thought I
18 had in the car. And as I stepped back I did not see the
19 party come out of the building, but I knew by that time
20 that somebody had come from the place and I walked down
21 between the county jail and the service station, and just as
22 I got to the back of it, I heard Joe Schurman call out,
23 "Look out Harry, he is going to get you", or something
24 like that, and Harry Patteson was walking towards Chamber-
25 lain, and as he came into view directly back of the
26 pumps, and they were pretty far apart at that time. And
I stood perfectly still back there, with two forty-
fives swinging, I didn't like the looks of it, and I
knew what would happen. I don't know what was said

1 before the sheriff and Chamberlain came together, but 3
2 Al raised his right arm and the sheriff warded it off
3 and the gun was exploded at the time, and they both went
4 down, and I thought the sheriff was hit, and I got hold
5 of the other myself--

6 THE CORONER: You mean the other gun? A The other
7 gun. Then Joe Schurman came in there about that time,
8 and several others, and that's about all there is to it.

9 Q. About what time did this occur on the 15th? A. It
10 was shortly after nine o'clock, just a few minutes after
11 nine o'clock, because I had waited in the store for some
12 of the other help to arrive. And I drove around the block,
13 and it was between nine and nine-fifteen. And after that
14 I went into the office and some of the other men had put
15 Charlie in a car, put him in a chair, and he was carried
16 in between his own office and the main assembly room of
17 the police department. There was quite a few more in
18 there, and they rushed him into a car and took him to
19 the hospital. That's all I saw.

20 Q. Did you see Chamberlain come out of the city hall?

21 A. No. I turned and went back to my car.

22 MR. McGETTIGAN: Q. Did you know Albert Chamberlain?

23 A. Yes, I knew him.

24 Q. You saw him, you say, coming from the direction of the
25 office of Chief of Police O'Neal? A. Yes, sir.

26 Q. Did you touch either one of the weapons that day?

1 A Yes.

2 Q. Did you notice whether or not they were warm? A. No,
3 I did not.

4 Q. You did not observe the condition of them? A. No.

5 Q. When you saw him, in which direction did he walk?

6 A. He was headed right towards the sheriff's office.

7 Q. How far was he from the office of the Chief of Police?

8 A. He was directly in front of the pumps of the service
9 station.

10 Q. Approximately how far is that? A. They must be fifty
11 or sixty feet from that point.

12 Q. You say he had both guns in his hands? A. He had a
13 gun in each hand, and he was swinging them like this as
14 he walked.

15 THE CORONER: (Showing witness a gun.)

16 A. That is the gun he had in his right hand.

17 THE CORONER: (Showing witness a gun) A. And that
18 is the gun he had in his left hand.

19 MR. McGETTIGAN: Is the gun I now show you the gun
20 Albert Chamberlain had in his right hand?

21 A. Yes, that's the gun he had when he fired at the
22 sheriff.

23 MR. McGETTIGAN: Exhibit A.

24 Q. Have you seen this gun before? A? This gun is very
25 similar to the gun I took out of his hand. That gun had
26 three fired cartridges and three full cartridges when

1 I took it away.

2 Q. Did you unload this gun? A. Yes,,I unloaded this
3 gun.

4 MR. McGETTIGAN: This gun will be Exhibit B.

5 Q. That is the gun he had in his left hand? A. His left
6 hand,yes.

7 Q. You say there were three exploded shells in it? A. I
8 don't know how many exploded shells it had, I took out
9 three. I didn't notice the others that were in the
10 chambers. The ones that dropped,I believe they were
11 45 caliber.

12 Q. What was the condition of the harge gun? A. I didn't
13 have that in my hands.

14 THE CORONER: Has the jury any questions? That is all.

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17 JOSEPH SCHURMAN

18 Called as a witness and sworn by the Coroner:

19 Q. Your name and address, please? A. I don't know the
20 box address, it is Roberts Avenue.

21 Q. And your name? A. Joseph Schurman.

22 Q. Did you witness the shooting of Charles O'Neal? A.No,
23 I didn't.

24 Q. Did you hear the shots? A.Yes.

25 Q. Did you see anyone come out of the city hall after
26 the shots were fired? A. I saw Al Chamberlain come out
of the city hall.

1 Q. If you will, just explain what happened after that,
2 what you saw? A. Well, as I heard the shots, I turned
3 and looked towards the police department door.

4 Q. How many shots did you hear? A. I heard three shots
5 and it wasn't but three or four seconds, I would say, I
6 saw the back of a man coming out of the door. And as he
7 opened the door, he turned and I saw who it was, it was Al
8 Chamberlein, and he shut the door quite gently and turned
9 around and started walking towards the front of the service
10 station that I happened to be running or operating at the
11 time. And as he started for the front of the service station,
12 I ran around the other way, because I hadn't any idea what
13 was taking place or what had happened, although I suspect-
14 ed a lot. And as I entered the front of the building, he
15 said to me, "Where is Harry Patteson". I didn't answer
16 him because I knew from the expression on his face that
17 he was after Harry. As I entered the building, I intended
18 to go back and get a shotgun I had in back, because I
19 thought if he was going to do any more harm it had to be
20 stopped, that's all. So then I thought, if I took time
21 to go back and get the gun, it would be too much time
22 wasted, so I stood at the entrance of the door and hollered
23 to Harry to look out that Al was after him. I am not sure
24 whether Harry heard me or not, and I hollered again. And
25 I saw Harry look at me as though to say, Don't holler any
26 more. It seems he didn't recognize him at first, and as

1 they came close together, Chamberlain said to a gentle-
2 men walking up the street "Are you Patteson". And at that
3 moment I hollered again to look out. Just then Harry lunged
4 forward at him , and of course, knocked him off balance.

5 Q. And at that time Dibble was at the right of me , he
6 ran around the outside of the pumps and I came through,
7 straight through the pumps, and Dibble was there before I
8 was. And I saw Dibble grab the gun, and it wasn't but a
9 fewxseconds until they had the gun away from him, and I
10 ran back in to see how Charlie was making out, because
11 I had heard him meantime hollering, and I knew it was a
12 case of emergency and that he needed a doctor right away,
13 and I called the operators and told them to send all the
14 doctors they could contact immediately and it was but a
15 few seconds until Mr. Shulte and others, I don't know just
16 who it was , Anita Ross and Dibble, wasn't it Bill, took
17 him to the hospital. That is the end of what I had seen.

18 MR. McGETTIGAN: Q. Did you observe the guns which were
19 in the hends of Mr. Chamberlain at the time? A. Yes, I
20 did.

21 Q. Would you be able to recognize those guns? A.Yes, sir.

22 Q. I will show you a gun here indicated previously as Exhibit
23 A, and ask you if you ever saw that gun before? A. It
24 was the same caliber and size gun. I wouldn't swear it was
25 the identical same gun. But that one I do recognize .

26 Q. You recognize Exhibit A.-the gun I now hand you, Exhibit

1 A, do you recognize that gun? A. Yes. 8

2 Q. Is that one of the guns Chamberlain had? A. Yes, I do
3 recognize that.

4 Q. And he had one of these guns in each hand when you
5 first observed him? A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Was he pointing at anyone when you saw him? A. Well,
7 when I saw him just before Harry had lunged at him, they
8 were pointing right directly at Harry, and of course, he
9 pointed one at me when I came towards him because he
10 knew he was trapped.

11 THE CORONER: Has the jury any questions? That is all.

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13 DR. A. B. HERRICK, JR.

14 Called as a witness and sworn by the Coroner:

15 THE CORONER: Q. Your address, doctor? A. Exchange
16 Bank Building.

17 Q. You were the physician called after Officer O'Neal
18 was shot? A. I was.

19 Q. And you operated on him, did you? A. I did.

20 Q. You also held a post mortem examination? A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. If you will, please explain to the jury the cause of
22 death and also where he was shot? A. There was a
23 gunshot wound in the abdomen and just to the left side
24 of the navel about three and one-half inches below. This
25 wound went through into the abdominal cavity causing
26 four wounds in the small bowel and one in the large

1 bowel and three wounds in the mesentary. This bullet 9
2 went across the abdominal cavity and lodged in the chest
3 wall at the right side, just under the skin between the
4 seventh and eighth ribs along about the posterior axillary
5 line. There was also a gunshot wound to the back, poster-
6 ior of the pelvic bone on the right side about an inch
7 and a half from the midline and about two inches below
8 the crest of the ilium. This wound extended around
9 in the wall of the pelvis to two inches below the left--
10 about two inches posterior to the left anterior superior
11 spine of the crest of the ilium. The third wound was in
12 the left side. There was a wound three inches above the
13 knee and external, and another wound six and a half inches
14 above this on the anterior surface of the body. That
15 covers all the wounds, three wounds.

16 Q. That would make three wounds altogether? A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Did you find the bullets? A. Yes, I removed two of
18 them. The bullets that entered the abdominal cavity
19 and lodged on the right side of the chest, and the wound
20 in the back that lodged near the hip.

21 Q. Those that were in the legs -- A. That had an entrance
22 and exit, I didn't get that.

23 Q. Were you able to tell what sized gun those were shot
24 from? A. No, I didn't look at that, I just put the
25 bullets in an envelope at the hospital.

26 Q. The rest of the autopsy? A. Well, there was

1 bronchial pneumonia developed.

2 Q. The cause of death was the gunshot wounds? A. The gun-
3 shot wounds in the abdominal or pelvic region, shock,
4 hemorrhage and bronchial pneumonia was the cause of death.

5 MR. McGETTIGAN: The immediate cause of death-- the cause
6 of death would be the gunshot wounds inflicted in the first
7 instance? A. Yes.

8 Q. Superinducing pneumonia? A. Yes, shock and hemorrhage
9 also was the cause of death.

10 THE CORONER: Of course he would not have gotten
11 pneumonia if he hadn't got the gunshot wounds? A. No.

12 Q. What day was he taken to the hospital? A. Monday
13 morning.

14 Q. The 15th? A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. And died on the 17th? A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. About what time? A. Well, it must have been about
17 12:30. I was there all morning, I was there from eight to
18 eleven-thirty and Dr. Noall came in and relieved me, then
19 I left.

20 Q. Did you perform the autopsy yourself, doctor? A. It
21 was just a post mortem examination. Of course, when I
22 operated on him, I examined the wounds.

23 THE CORONER: The two bullets will be marked Exhibit C.

24 MR. McGETTIGAN: The two bullets you have just marked,
25 doctor, are the bullets which you removed from the body of
26 Charles O'Neal? A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. On the Monday morning following the shooting on July
2 15th? A. Yes, sir.

3 THE CORONER: Has the jury any questions?

4 A JUROR: Yes. Doctor, where was the entrance into
5 the body, front or back? A. There was one in the back.

6 A JUROR: Whereabouts in the back? A. One and a half
7 inches to the right of the midline, about two inches below
8 the ilium crest.

9 THE CORONER: Maybe they would understand that bet-
10 ter if you would show them on me.

11 A. That is on the right side, this bullet. Approximately
12 about here is where this bullet entered, and I removed it
13 about here, in this location, about two inches posterior
14 of the crest of the ilium and of the exterior superior
15 spine. And the other one entered to the left, three
16 inches below the navel, about in this position, and it
17 passed through the abdomen causing a wound of the bowels,
18 the large bowel and the small bowel, and the mesentary,
19 which I described, and came out ^{up} here. And the second
20 passed through the abdominal cavity and all and lodged
21 just under the skin the same as this bullet down here.

22 A JUROR: Where was the other one? A. In the left
23 thigh, that is three inches above the knee externally and
24 six inches and a half above this, right in the anterior
25 surface of the thigh was the other wound. I believe this
26 one down here was the wound of exit and this was the wound

of entrance. It seemed to go across the thigh.

MR. McGETTIGAN: Doctor, from your examination, could you tell approximately from what distance the bullets were fired, that is, whether they were fired from a close-up position? A. I think they were close because the wounds, that is the wounds of entrance seemed to be quite lacerated and contused.

THE CORONER: You could not see any powder marks, it was not that close? A. No. You see his clothes were on where he was wounded.

THE CORONER: Any other questions? That is all, doctor. Thank you very much.

THE CORONER: The two bullets will be marked Exhibit

C.

HARRY PATTESON

Called as a witness and sworn by the Coroner:

THE CORONER: Q. Your address, I guess, is the jail. I know sheriff, that you did not witness the shooting of Officer O'Neal, but you did hear a gun fired at quite close range? A. Yes, sir.

Q. If you will, please tell the jury just what you saw and how you happened to be there? A. Well, I first heard the shots, I walked out from the sheriff's office to the front where my car was parked and stood there for a moment and one of the trustees was cleaning the cars, and I looked

1 up the street and I saw Chamberlain come from the side of
2 the police station with these two guns, and I started
3 towards him up the street. And at that time, I didn't know
4 there was anyone shot, and my thought was that he had had
5 trouble with some of the officers. I started towards him
6 and someone called me to look out that he was after me.
7 And I continued on up the street thinking I could walk
8 along as though nothing would happen until I got close
9 enough to get hold of him with the gun. And I got within
10 probably twenty feet of him and he spoke to me, he says, I
11 am looking for Patteson, are you Patteson. And I answered,
12 "No, I am not Patteson, what the hell is the matter with
13 you this morning". And at that, he more or less hesitated
14 and I got within probably four or five feet of him and then
15 he recognized me, and he pulled the gun and I leaped for
16 him, and as near as I can remember, I hit the gun and I
17 ducked my head at the same time and the shot passed my
18 left ear. I threw both arms around him and hung on to
19 him and forced him backwards. He tripped on his back and I
20 straddled him and held him down on his back. He held this
21 smaller gun here at my right ribs and Joe Schurman called
22 to me again, "Look out, Harry, he is going to get you in
23 the ribs". And at that, I grabbed his wrists and held them
24 straight out until some of the boys came over there, I
25 think Dibble and Joe Schurman and pulled the guns from his
26 hands. I don't remember just who did take them from him.

I know the guns were taken away from him at that time. Mr. Shulte was the first one I remember run across the street to me, and I called to Bill to get a car and take Charlie to the hospital. I think he took one of my cars and rushed over to the police station and took Charlie away. I didn't see Charlie at all. Quite a crowd had gathered by that time.

Q. Did you unload either one of these guns or see either one of them after the shooting? A. I didn't unload them. Dibble unloaded this 45, and the other gun, I don't just remember, I think that was unloaded in the sheriff's office, except for one shell. The empty one was left in the gun. I think it is still in the gun.

Q. There are three empties in this one? A. I think the empties were left in. There is one empty in there.

Q. Do you know how many times that gun was fired? A. It was fired once at me.

Q. And this gun? The 45, how many times was it fired?

A. I think there was three empty shells in that. That was not fired at me.

MR. McGETTIGAN: We have two guns, sheriff, here on the table, marked Exhibits A and B. Are these the two guns taken away from Mr. Chamberlain? A. They are. These two guns he carried, this one in his left hand and the nickel-plated one in his right. After the boys had taken him to the office, I walked down to his car parked in front of the

driveway after someone had shoved it up to the curb, and I looked in his car and on the seat of the car there were several empty shells, four, I think. And I took them into the office and I asked him, I says, "Al, did you shoot anyone else this morning?" and he said, "Yes, I shot McCabe out at the ranch. Go out there and you will get another corpse". And I called to Bill Cook, I believe it was, and he got in the car and went out to the ranch to see if he was dead. And about five minutes after he left Dr. Thomson told me there was a man in his office that had been shot, and I told him we knew about it.

Q. Did you find any other weapons in the automobile?

A. We found one, this small gun was in the car.

THE CORONER: Is that the gun he shot McCabe with?

A. I think not. I think this is the gun he shot McCabe with, I think the bullets are the same as you see here, taken from O'Neal. I have two of those in the office identical with those Dr. Herrick showed me. One was found in the corral on the ground and Dr. Thomson brought one of them to me.

MR. McGETTIGAN: Did you see the shells or the bullets taken from Mr. O'Neal? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know what caliber they are? A. 45, I should judge, from the others, they are identical with the others. I have two just like them in the office and they are from a 45.

1 Q. In other words, these bullets fit this weapon Exhibit

2 A? A. Yes.

3 THE CORONER: Did you see Chamberlain before you saw him
4 come across the lot from in front of the service station?

5 A. No, not that morning, he said he saw me standing on
6 the corner when he drove by, but I didn't notice him until
7 I saw him coming with the guns.

8 THE CORONER: Has the jury any questions?

9 MR. McGETTIGAN: By the way, you knew Al Chamberlain,
10 did you? A. I did.

11 Q. And you recognized him, did you? A. I recognized him
12 as Chamberlain coming from the police station.

13 MR. McGETTIGAN: That is all.

14 A WOMAN: May I ask this gentlemen a question?

15 THE CORONER: Yes, you may ask me and I will ask him.

16 A WOMAN: You asked me if I had seen this six shooter;
17 I have seen it many times.

18 THE CORONER: I don't think this has much to do with it.

19 THE WOMAN: The idea is this, in 1935 I was here, and
20 after that, since that time, after he got moved away from
21 Santa Rosa, and I saw him and heard him talk the way he
22 did. I came over here to Sheriff Flohr, yes, Flohr, and
23 I told him -- I had gone first to the city hall, to the
24 health office --

25 THE CORONER: Pardon me, that does not have any bearing
26 on the death of Mr. O'Neal.

MR. McGETTIGAN: We have a complete report on that now.

THE WOMAN: The idea is this, I wanted to ask this gentleman if he had been warned by Sheriff Flohr, or at any time by the officers to be careful about Al Chamberlain.

THE CORONER: That would not have any bearing on Mr. O'Neal's death. I have no objection to the sheriff answering that question?

Q. Were you ever warned to look out for Al. Chamberlain?

THE WOMAN: You had never heard any talk about it by the officers? A. Not before he shot O'Neal.

THE WOMAN: That is all then.

THE CORONER: That is all.

WILLIAM A. SHULTE

Called as a witness and sworn by the Coroner:

THE CORONER: Q. What is your address? A. 311 College Avenue.

Q. I understand that you witnessed part of this shooting from your office window in the courthouse. If you will please explain to the jury just what you saw and what part you had in the shooting? A. My office is just opposite the city hall. I just left the city hall, the assembly room of the police department, I should judge about ten or eleven minutes past nine at the time I

1 arrived at my office. I walked in the door, stopped
2 and looked at the paper when I heard what appeared to
3 be three shots fired. I walked to the window and looked
4 out and I saw a man backing out of the side entrance or
5 the door of the assembly room next to the service station,
6 backing out. He appeared to walk forward again as if he
7 was going to look back in the door. He turned and started,
8 it looked to me like he was going to walk straight through
9 the service station. He got a little ways out and went out-
10 side of the pumps, and I heard Mr. O'Neel holler in his
11 office, I heard him from where I was standing, and I
12 heard Mr. Schurman calling to Harry to look out. I
13 noticed Mr. Patteson, the first time I noticed where he
14 was was just about the edge of the county property and
15 the service station there. He was walking towards Al. Cham-
16 berlain, and Al was walking towards him. I stood there
17 realizing myself that I was going to witness a tragedy.
18 Al was moving forward and so did Mr. Patteson. They
19 appeared to be about four or five feet apart. Mr. Chamber-
20 lain was talking, I did not understand then what he was
21 saying, but he had a big silver-mounted gun in his right
22 hand and a black gun in his left hand. He pulled up
23 with the gun in his right hand and drew down, and as he
24 came down even with what appeared to be about the chest
25 of Mr. Patteson, there was the explosion of a shell. I
26 ran from my office door out into the street, across the

1 street, when Mr. Patteson said to me -- I asked him if
2 he was shot, and he said "No, get a car and take Charlie
3 to the hospital, he is shot". I ran and got into the car
4 and drove around, I looked as I jumped out of the car
5 into the city hall and Charlie was then more in a sitting
6 position on the floor, if I remember right, lying on his
7 right arm and right hand. I says, "My God, Charlie, what
8 happened". He said, "Well, he shot me in the guts, Bill".
9 He was picked up and placed in a chair and we carried
10 the chair out to the car, and I asked him then, I says,
11 "Charlie, can you take a step, if you can, it will be
12 easier than lifting you into the back end of the car."
13 And he said, "I think I can". And he stepped into the
14 car and we drove to the hospital. And while we were
15 waiting for the doctor, I had a conversation with Charlie
16 O'Neal at the hospital. I asked him, I says, "Charlie,
17 what happened". Well, he says, "You and Larry had just
18 left", speaking of Mr. Walker, one of the city patrolmen,
19 and I was reading a paper, sitting where I was when you
20 left, and I heard the door open and someone stepped in
21 and asked me, "Are you Mr. O'Neal". I swung sideways
22 in my chair and says "Yes", and I was shot. He says,
23 I tried to crawl under the table when I was shot again.
24 He says, "That's all I remember."

25 THE CORONER: Has the jury any questions?

26 A JUROR: You are sure it was Al Chamberlain that was
in there, you know it was Chamberlain, do you?

1 A. He spoke of him, I believe as the old son-of-a-bitch.
2 He didn't mention any name. He said, "The old son-of-a-
3 bitch shot me in the guts". I did not see Mr. Chamberlain
4 leave the office but he appeared to be backing away from
5 the office door. I could not see the door from my office.

6 MR. McGETTIGAN: Could you say about how far Chamber-
7 lain was from the office door when you saw him? A. There
8 is a little coping separating the city property from the
9 service station property, and when he was backing away
10 he had not reached the coping when he turned around, about
11 two or three feet from the door.

12 Q. He was facing the door and had two guns in his hand,
13 did he? A. All I could see at the time of backing away
14 was the one gun, the black gun that he had in his left
15 hand.

16 A JUROR: Did Chamberlain at any time admit to you
17 that he had shot O'Neal? A. I had no conversation with
18 Al. Chamberlain at all after the shooting.

19 THE CORONER: Any other questions? That is all.

20
21 TOLAND C. McGETTIGAN

22 Called as a witness and sworn by the Coroner:

23 THE CORONER: Q. You are deputy district attorney?

24 A. Assistant District Attorney.

25 Q. For Sonoma County? A? Yes, sir.

26 Q. Did you have any conversation or take any statement from

1 Al. Chamberlain after the shooting? A. Yes, immediately
2 after the shooting, I was called over by the sheriff's
3 office. And at that time Mr. Chamberlain had been brought
4 into the office in the county jail and was sitting there.
5 I asked him then why he shot Chief O'Neal, and he said, "I
6 refuse to answer", or words to that effect. Subsequently
7 Mr. Cowan and myself and later Mr. Dado, the deputy dis-
8 trict attorney, had Mr. Chamberlain, Al Chamberlain in one
9 of the offices of the county jail, at which time we asked
10 him to tell what took place on that morning, Monday morning,
11 July 15th. And as far as the shooting of Chief O'Neal was
12 concerned, he retold his story of coming from the ranch
13 owned by Mr. McCabe, walking into the police station,
14 opening the door of the station; he said he opened the
15 door and walked in, he said he saw a man sitting at the
16 table and he said to him, "Are you Mr. O'Neal". The reply
17 was Yes, and with that he shot him. I believe he said he
18 shot him three times. He then said he left the police
19 station and came looking for Sheriff Patteson. That is
20 substantially his statement with respect to the shooting.
21 Of course there was a further statement too, but I think
22 that is all the jury is interested in at this time.

23 THE CORONER: Is that all you wanted?

24 A JUROR: Yes.

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26 THE CORONER: Those are all the witnesses, gentleman.

Gentlemen, Section 1514 of the Penal Code reads as 22

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2 follows:

3 After hearing the testimony the jury must render their
4 verdict and certify the same by an inquisition in writing,
5 signed by them, and setting forth who the person killed
6 is, and when, where and by what means he came to his death;
7 and if he was killed, or his death occasioned by the act
8 of another by criminal means, who is guilty thereof.

9 And I further want to instruct you that if you believe
10 from the evidence that deceased was killed or his death
11 was occasioned by the act of another by criminal means,
12 you will set forth in your verdict the name of the guilty
13 party.

14 (After deliberation the jury returned the following
15 verdict:)
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Sonoma

In the Matter of the Inquisition into the Death of

Charles Bernard O'Neal

Deceased.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED JURORS summoned to appear before
FRED YOUNG, the Coroner of the County of Sonoma, at Welti Bros.
on the 22nd day of July, 1935, to inquire into
the cause of the death of Charles Bernard O'Neal
having been duly sworn, according to law, and having made such inquisition and hearing the
testimony adduced, upon our oaths, each and all, do say:

That we can find that deceased was named

Charles Bernard O'Neal

Was a native of Montana, aged about 41 years;
that he came to his death on the 17th. day of July, 1935,
in this county.

DEATH FROM

*Gunshot wounds inflicted by
a gun or guns in the hands
of Albert Chamberlain with
intent to kill*

All of which we do certify by this inquisition, in writing, signed by us this 22nd.
day of July, 1935

Foreman

H. M. Hamara
Ray A. Daniels
Leland M. Britton
Jas T. Maile
Lee E. Hardisty
W. B. Hackett

Approved _____ Coroner.

REPORT OF AUTOPSY OR POST MORTEM

To the
CORONER OF SONOMA COUNTY:

Name Charles B. O'Neal
Residence 916 Nason St. Age 41
Place of Death General Hospital
Held at Welti Funeral Parlors

No. _____
Date July 17th, 1935
Time P.M. _____ M.
Sex male Color white
Married or Single Married

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Height 6 ft. 4 in. Weight 190
Build Medium.
Head Normal.

Body Gunshot wound of abdomen on left side of navel and 3 inches below. Gunshot wound of back, posterior to pelvic bone on right side 1 1/2 inches from the mid line.
Marks _____

Limbs Gunshot wound of left thigh 3 inches above the knee and external, also gunshot wound of left thigh 6 1/2 inches above this one on anterior surface of left thigh.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

Brain Normal.
Lungs Bronchopneumonia.
Heart Normal.
Liver Normal.
Stomach Normal.
Kidneys Normal.
Intestines Gunshot wounds of intestines and mesentery.
Bladder Normal.
Uterus _____

Remarks _____

Cause of Death Gunshot wounds of abdomen, pelvic region and thigh, shock, hemorrhage and bronchopneumonia.

Present: A. L. Brunson

Signature A. B. Herick, Jr. M. D.

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated exactly. If unknown, give approximate age. Physicians should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
VITAL STATISTICS

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1. PLACE OF DEATH: DIST. NO. <u>Sonoma</u>		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		LOCAL REGISTERED NO. _____
COUNTY OF <u>Sonoma</u>	CITY, TOWN OR RURAL DISTRICT OF <u>Santa Rosa</u>	STREET AND NO. <u>General Hospital</u>		IF DEATH OCCURRED IN A HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION, GIVE ITS NAME INSTEAD OF STREET AND NO.
2. FULL NAME <u>Charles Bernard E. O'Neal</u>		IF NON-RESIDENT, GIVE ST. CITY OR TOWN, AND STATE		
RESIDENCE: NO. <u>916 Nason St.</u>		USUAL PLACE OF ABODE		
3. SEX <u>male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED? (WRITE THE WORD) <u>married</u>	22. DATE OF DEATH <u>July 7 1935</u>	
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED, NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE <u>Irma O'Neal</u>			23. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM _____ TO _____ THAT I LAST SAW H. _____ ALIVE ON _____ AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED ON THE ABOVE STATED DATE AT THE HOUR OF _____ M.	
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>July 9 1894</u>			24. CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I TOOK CHARGE OF THE REMAINS DESCRIBED ABOVE, HELD AN <u>Inquest</u> INQUEST, AUTOPSY OR INQUIRY THEREON, AND FROM SUCH ACTION FIND THAT SAID DECEASED CAME TO HIS DEATH ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.	
7. AGE <u>41</u> YRS. -- NO. <u>8</u> DAYS <u>ONE</u> DAY			THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND RELATED CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE, IN ORDER OF ONSET, WERE AS FOLLOWS:	
8. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE AS EMPLOYER, SAWYER, BOOKKEEPER, ETC. <u>Chief of Police</u>			DATE OF ONSET	
9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS SILK MILL, SAWMILL, BANK, ETC. <u>Santa Rosa</u>			OTHER CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE.	
10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (MO. AND YR.) _____			11. TOTAL YEARS SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION _____	
12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>Billings</u> STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Montana</u>				
13. NAME <u>Charles O'Neal</u>				
14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>no record</u> STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Montana</u>				
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Anna Miller</u>				
16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>no record</u> STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Montana</u>				
17. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA A. CITY, TOWN OR RURAL DISTRICT OF DEATH <u>IO</u> YRS. <u>6</u> MOS. _____ DAYS B. IN CALIFORNIA <u>IO</u> YRS. <u>6</u> MOS. _____ DAYS C. IN U.S., IF OF FOREIGN BIRTH _____ YRS. _____ MOS. _____ DAYS				
18. INFORMANT (SIGNATURE) <u>Irma O'Neal</u> ADDRESS <u>916 Nason St.</u>				
19. BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL: <u>Burial</u> PLACE <u>I.O.O.F. Lawn Cem</u> DATE <u>7/20/35</u>				
20. EMBALMER { LICENSE NO. <u>636</u> SIGNATURE <u>J. H. Brunson</u> FUNERAL DIRECTOR <u>C. & F. Welti</u> ADDRESS <u>Santa Rosa</u>				
21. FILED _____ DATE _____ LOCAL REGISTRAR				
25. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN THE FOLLOWING: ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE? <u>Homicide</u> DATE OF INJURY <u>7-15-35</u> INJURED AT <u>Santa Rosa</u> CITY OR TOWN OF <u>Sonoma</u> COUNTY AND STATE OF DID INJURY OCCUR IN HOME, INDUSTRY, OR PUBLIC PLACE? <u>Public Place</u> MANNER OF INJURY <u>Gunshot wounds</u> NATURE OF INJURY <u>Gunshot wounds</u>				
26. IF DISEASE/INJURY RELATED TO OCCUPATION, SPECIFY _____				
27. SIGNATURE <u>J. B. Herrick Jr.</u> M.D. PHYSICIAN, AUTOPSY SURGEON ADDRESS <u>Santa Rosa, Cal.</u>				
28. WHEN REQUIRED BY LAW <u>July 1935</u> CORONER COUNTY OF <u>Sonoma</u>				